



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

An informational quarterly newsletter.

## Introducing the Montana Occupational Health & Safety Surveillance Program

**Mission:** To identify, track, and monitor work-related fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in order to improve worker health and safety across Montana.

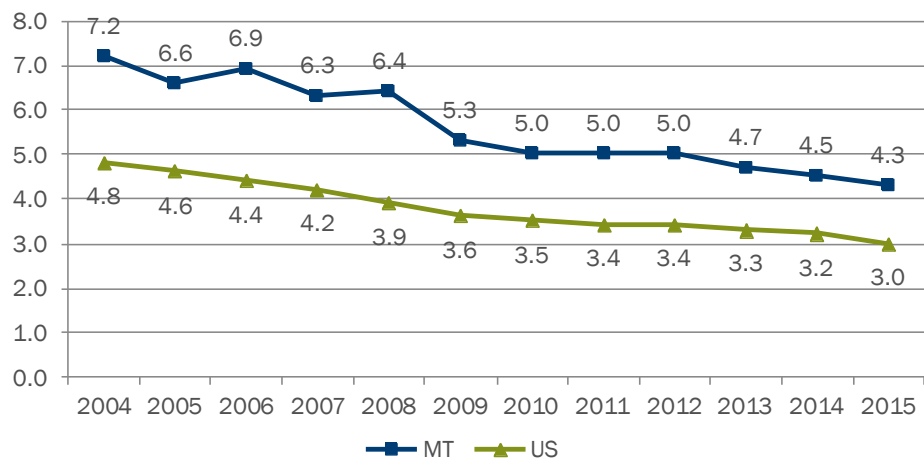
- Build a strong and dependable occupational health surveillance system for Montana
- Conduct high quality research on workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in Montana
- Provide useful and timely information so that workers and employers in Montana can be aware of health hazards in the workplace
- Collaborate with workers, organizations, and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for improvement and intervention
- Tackle occupational health projects to address the needs of the Montana workforce
- Do our best work for the people of Montana

## Why are we researching occupational health in Montana?

In 2015, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish an occupational health surveillance program in Montana to guide prevention and intervention activities.

Montana has consistently high incidence rates of work-related injuries and illnesses. In 2008, Montana had the highest rate of work-related injuries and illnesses in the country (6.4 cases of injury or illness per 100 full-time workers). The most recent data shows that Montana had 4.3 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2015, making it the fourth highest rate of work-related injuries and illnesses in the country.

## Work-Related Non-Fatal Injuries and Illnesses in Montana: 2004-2015



Source: BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) (private industry)

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### NOTEWORTHY NEWS

**New Report Online @**  
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Occupational Health Indicators: Montana 2004-2014

### Safety Event:

National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction: May 8-12, 2017

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